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ANIMAL TO ENHANCE GROWTH IN OFFSPRING**

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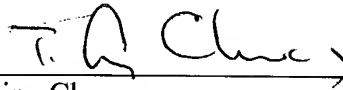
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed October 20, 2003, having a deadline for response expiring November 20, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute in this application the following invention:

Group I: Claims 1-13, 76-88 drawn to a method of improving or enhancing growth in an offspring in a female animal by administering to the cells of the female animal a vector comprising a promoter, a nucleotide sequence and a 3' untranslated region, classified in class 514, subclass 44.

Group II-XVI comprising the remaining claims in this application, are cancelled pending the filing of divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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